

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to say that out of the amount realised either the Government or the other party has benefitted? We have to pay the same price to the tolls as well. As the matter is under consideration I want only to invite the attention of the Government to this subject.

51. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are not aware of the abolition of tolls in the Madras Presidency;

(2) whether they are also not aware that petrol is sold in the Cochin State for the same price as (if not for a higher one than) in the Madras Presidency?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Member is referred to answer to question No. 50.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I am referred to answer to question No. 50. May I know the direction in which the consideration is taking?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is still under consideration.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Just indicate the line.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is to follow the practice in Madras.

Donation to Madanapalli Sanatorium.

52. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if the Madanapalli Sanatorium for tuberculosis had applied to the Cochin Government for any donation, help or support at any time, and

(b) if so, what response the Government made to the request?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) The application is under consideration.

Deputy President.

53. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when action was first taken to give the Legislative Council the right of suggesting the name of the Member to be appointed as its Deputy President;

(b) whether any action has been taken thus far for granting to the Council the other privileges which it urged in the Budget Session of 1105 Karkadagam?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The Diwan-President declared on the occasion of the last meeting that His Highness has been graciously pleased to allow the Council to suggest a name for the place of the Deputy President.

(b) No definite steps have been taken in the matter.

Increase of pay to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

54. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Dr. Rao, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, applied to the Government or otherwise represented to the Government for an increase of his salary;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the negative will the Government be pleased to state (1) who started the question of revising the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer; and

(2) what were the considerations which weighed with the Government in so revising it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No application was received. Dr. Rao informally raised the question of the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(b) (1) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (a).

(2) The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is one of the most important Heads of Departments like the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Instruction and Government thought, when the question was raised, that it was only reasonable to place him in their grade in the matter of pay also.

55. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there were any special reasons now for increasing the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are they?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Vide answer to part (b) of question No. 54.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to say when the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer became one of the major Heads of Departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He never ceased to be.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it from the beginning so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was this question of the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer considered by the Special Finance Committee?